

## All? *Study Guide*

- Jesus: “If anyone desires to come after Me . . .” (Luke 9:23)
  - Ellen White, “Seek, and you shall find. God is seeking you, and the very \_\_\_\_\_ you feel to come to Him is but the drawing of His Spirit. Yield to that drawing. Christ is pleading the cause of the tempted, the erring, and the faithless. He is seeking to lift them into \_\_\_\_\_ with Himself” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, 131).
- Jesus: “Let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”
  - Dietrich Bonhoeffer:
    - ◆ “Cheap grace is the deadly \_\_\_\_\_ of our church. We are fighting today for \_\_\_\_\_ grace” (*The Cost of Discipleship*, 43).
    - ◆ “When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and \_\_\_\_\_” (Ibid., 89).
  - Ellen White:
    - ◆ “No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire \_\_\_\_\_ of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of

the soul will be, Lord, take my heart; for I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy \_\_\_\_\_ can flow through my soul” (*Christ’s Object Lessons*, 159). Corporate solidarity

- ◆ “Do you feel that it is too great a sacrifice to yield all to Christ? Ask yourself the question, ‘What has Christ given for me?’ The Son of God gave \_\_\_\_\_—life and love and suffering—for our redemption. And can it be that we, the unworthy objects of so great love, will withhold our \_\_\_\_\_ from Him? Every moment of our lives we have been partakers of the blessings of His grace, and for this very reason we cannot fully realize the depths of ignorance and misery from which we have been \_\_\_\_\_. Can we look upon Him whom our sins have pierced, and yet be willing to do despite to all His love and sacrifice? In view of the infinite humiliation of the Lord of glory, shall we murmur because we can enter into life only through conflict and self-abasement?

“The inquiry of many a proud heart is, ‘Why need I go in penitence and humiliation before I can have the assurance of my acceptance with God?’ I point you to Christ. He was sinless, and, more than this, He was the Prince of heaven; but in man’s behalf He became sin for the race. ‘He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.’ Isaiah 53:12.

“But what do we \_\_\_\_\_ up, when we give all? A sin-polluted heart, for Jesus to purify, to cleanse by His own blood, and to save by His matchless love. And yet men think it hard to give up all! I am \_\_\_\_\_ to hear it spoken of, ashamed to write it” (*Steps to Christ*, 45).

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Answers: desire, companionship, enemy, costly, die, renunciation, consent, give, love, all, hearts, saved, give, ashamed